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TOWNSHIP OF HOME (Newaygo) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2004

Michigan Deptartment of Treasury 496 (2-04) **Auditing Procedures Report**Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended.

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Yes	√ No	1.	Certain co	mponent units	/funds/agencie	s of the local unit are ex	cluded from th	e financia	ıl statem	ents.
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Yes	√ No	6.	The local u	nit has been d	elinquent in dis	stributing tax revenues th	nat were collec	ted for an	other ta	xing unit.
Yes	✓ No	٠. ١	DELIZION DE	ments (normai	costs) in the c	utional requirement (Art current year. If the plan quirement, no contributi	is more than	100% fur	ided and	the overfunding
Yes	✓ No	8. 1	The local o	unit uses cred 241).	it cards and h	as not adopted an app	plicable policy	as requir	ed by P.	.A. 266 of 199
Yes	√ No	9. T	he local u	nit has not ado	pted an investr	ment policy as required	by P.A. 196 of	1997 (MC	CL 129.95	5).
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Newaygo County, Michigan Township Board

	Position
Earl Spalo	Supervisor
Laurie Jackson	Clerk
Deborah Wilkinson	Treasurer
Leroy Jackson	Trustee
Dennis Anderson	Trustee





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July 16, 2004

Home Township Board Home Township Bitely, Michigan 49309

Dear Board Members:

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Home Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and with the standards prescribed by the state treasurer. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the board, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects the financial position of Home Township, as of March 31, 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and with applicable rules and regulations of any state department or agency.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental financial information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Hendon & Slate, P.C. Certified Public Accountants

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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups March 31, 2004

•	Governmenta General	l Fund Types Special Revenue	Fiduciary Agency	Account Group General Fixed Assets	Totals (Memo <u>Only</u>)
Assets					
Cash and Investments	\$ 11,459	\$ 37,732	\$ 2,937	\$ -	\$ 52,128
Due from Other Funds	2,318	- -	-,	-	2,318
Due from Other Governments	1,285	3,402	-	_	4,687
Land	-	-	-	500	500
Building and Improvements	-	-	-	15,051	15,051
Equipment and Furniture				1,787	1,787
Total Assets	<u>\$ 15,062</u>	<u>\$ 41,134</u>	<u>\$ 2,937</u>	<u>\$ 17,338</u>	<u>\$ 76,471</u>
Liabilities and Fund Equity Liabilities					
Due to Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,318	\$ -	\$ 2,318
Due to Other Governments		1,433	619		$\frac{4}{2,052}$
Total Liabilities	-	1,433	2,937	-	4,370
Fund Equity					
Investment in General Fixed Assets	_	_		17,338	17.220
Fund Balance - Undesignated	15,062	<u>39,701</u>			17,338 <u>54,763</u>
Total Fund Equity	15,062	<u>39,701</u>		17,338	72,101
	-				
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 15,062</u>	<u>\$ 41,134</u>	<u>\$ 2,937</u>	<u>\$ 17,338</u>	<u>\$ 76,471</u>

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	General '	Special <u>Revenue</u>	Totals (Memo (Only)
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 8,019	\$ 28,660	\$ 36,679
Property Tax Administration Fee	2,648	-	2,648
State Grants	18,744	-	18,744
Federal Revenue	, -	1,004	1,004
Interest	410	827	1,237
Other Revenue	2,745	1,268	4,013
Total Revenue	32,566	31,759	64,325
Expenditures			
Legislative	1,537	_	1,537
General Government	24,576	-	24,576
Public Safety	5,576	12,071	17,647
Public Works	-	37,770	37,770
Other Functions	<u>5,178</u>		5,178
Total Expenditures	36,867	<u>49,841</u>	_86,708
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	(4,301)	(18,082)	(22,383)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfer In	-	4,406	4,406
Transfer Out	<u>(4,406</u>)		(4,406)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(4,406</u>)	4,406	
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(8,707)	(13,676)	(22,383)
Fund Balance - April 1	23,769	_53,377	77,146
Fund Balance - March 31	\$ 15,062	<u>\$ 39,701</u>	<u>\$ 54,763</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

Special Revenue	Variance	Budget Actual (Unfavorable)	\$ 27.400 \$ 28.660 \$ 1.260			- 1,004 1,004 1,004	- 1,268 1,268 1,268	27,400 31,759 4,359			12,102 12,071 31			54,872 49,841 5,031	(27,472) (18,082) 9,390		4,406	4,406	;	<u>\$ (27,472)</u> (13,676) <u>\$ 13,796</u>	53,377	
	Variance Favorable	(Unfavorable)	\$ 119	648	744	- (060)	745	1,966		2 000	3,002 2,624	, 5	1,004	7,510	9,476			(4,406)	(t)	0/0,0		
General		Actual	\$ 8,019	2,648	18,744	410	2,745	32,566		1,537	5,576	5 178	2,170	36,867	(4,301)		(4,406)	(4,406)	EOF 9)	(9,707)	23,769	
		Budget	\$ 7,900	2,000	18,000	700	2,000	30,600	,	1,537	8,200	- 6 182	701107	44,377	(13,777)				(FTF 51) &	(117,C11)		
		Revenues	Taxes	Property Tax Administrative Fees	State Offants Federal Revenue	Interest	Other Revenue	Total Revenues	Expenditures	General Government	Public Safety	Public Works Other Functions		Total Expenditures	Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfer In	Transfer Out	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses		Fund Balance - April 1	

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWNSHIP OF HOME

Notes to the Financial Statements March 31, 2004

NOTE A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the Township's significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows. The accounting practices followed by the Township are those prescribed by the State of Michigan.

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial activities of the local unit are recorded in separate funds, categorized and described as follows:

Governmental Funds

<u>General Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the Township of Home. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state distributions and interest on investments.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - These funds are used to account for specific governmental revenues requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions of administrative action. (Fire Fund, Brine Fund, Bridge Fund)

Agency Funds

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u> - This fund is used to account for assets held as an agent for others. (Tax Account)

Account Groups

General Fixed Assets Account Group - The General Fixed Assets Account Group is used to account for fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations for control purposes. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date of donation. No depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets. Infrastructure assets such as roads, bridges, curb and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems are not capitalized along with other general fixed assets.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

All governmental funds utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting. Modifications in such methods from the accrual basis are as follows:

- A. Property taxes and other revenue that are both measurable and available for use to finance operations are recorded as a revenue when earned. Other revenue is recorded when received. "Available" means collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period (60 days).
- B. Payments for inventoriable types of supplies are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. There were no material inventories at year-end.

- C. Normally, expenditures are not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenses.
- D. Properties are assessed as of December 31, and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on September 14th and February 14th with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the County tax rolls.
- E. The Township does not use any form of encumbrance accounting.

3. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

P.A. 621 of 1978, section 18(1), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. The Township had the following material expenditures which exceeded the amount appropriated:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance
General Fund	_	-	
Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ 4,406	\$ 4,406

In the body of the financial statements, the Township's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on a functional basis. The approved budgets of the Township for these budgetary funds were adopted to the activity level.

The Township prepared all budgets for the year ended March 31, 2004 in a method not materially different from modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. At the board meeting in March, the Clerk submits to the Township Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following April. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them, for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted at the Township Hall to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior to March 31, the budget is legally enacted on a departmental (activity) basis through passage of a resolution.

4. ESTIMATES

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenditures/expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW
Total columns on the Combined Financial Statement are captioned
"Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate
financial analysis. Data in these columns does not present financial position,
results of operations, or changes in fund balance in conformity with generally
accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a
consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation
of this data.

NOTE B GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

Changes in General Fixed Assets

	Balance 4/01/03	Additions	Deductions	Balance 3/31/04
Land Buildings & Improvements Equip. & Furniture	\$ 500 15,051 	\$ - - 	\$ - - -	\$ 500 15,051
Totals	<u>\$ 17,338</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 17,338</u>

NOTE C PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE

The 2003 taxable valuation of the Township totaled \$8.2 million, on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of .939 mills for general operating purposes, 1.4096 mills for fire operations and 1.9372 mills for brining roads.

The delinquent real property taxes of the Township of Home are purchased by the County of Newaygo. The 2003 delinquent taxes were paid in June of 2004. The amount due at March 31, 2004 which has been recorded as amounts due from other governments on the financial statements is as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,285
Fire Fund	1,433
Brine Fund	1,969
•	\$ 4.687

NOTE D REPORTING ENTITY

The financial statements of Home Township do not include any other governmental boards or authorities based on a determination made with the control or dependence in the areas of budget adoption, taxing authority, funding and appointment of respective boards.

NOTE E

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash - Deposits are in a financial institutions and are carried at cost. The Township holds all deposits in its own name. Following is a schedule of deposits:

	Carrying <u>Amount</u>	Market <u>Value</u>	<u>Collateral</u>
Cash - Checking	\$ 4,603	\$ 8,442	FDIC Insured

Investments - State statutes authorize the Township to investment in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities; commercial paper within two (2) highest rated classifications by at least two (2) rating services, maturing not later than 270 days; repurchase agreements, collateralized by U.S. Governmental securities; banker's acceptance; mutual funds; and investment pools.

	Carrying <u>Amount</u>	Market <u>Value</u>	Collateral
Cash - Savings & CD's	\$ 47,525	\$ 47,525	FDIC Insured

NOTE F RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Township carries commercial insurance. Liabilities in excess of insurance coverage, if any, are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

NOTE G INTERFUND ASSETS/LIABILITIES

Due from/to Other Funds balance at March 31, 2004, were as follows:

	Due	From	Dι	ıe To
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Othe</u>	er Funds	Other	r Funds
General Fund	\$	2,318	\$	_
Trust and Agency Fund		-		2,318

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

Tor the Tear E	nded March 31, 2	2004	
Revenues	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Property Taxes Property Tax Collection Fees	\$ 7,900 2,000	\$ 8,019 2,648	\$ 119 648
State Grants - Shared Revenue	18,000	18,744	744
Interest on Deposits	700	410	(290)
Miscellaneous	<u>2,000</u>	$_{2,745}$	745
Total Revenues	30,600	32,566	1,966
Expenditures Legislative			
Township Board	1,537	1,537	-
General Government			
Supervisor	4,500	3,280	1 220
Elections	2,000	431	1,220 1,569
Assessor	5,000	4,784	216
Clerk	5,773	5,773	210
Board of Review	700	605	95
Treasurer	7,500	6,718	782
Township Hall	1,062	1,062	102
Cemetery	1,923	1,923	<u> </u>
Total General Government	28,458	24,576	3,882
Public Safety			
Zoning Board	7,000	4,376	2,624
Rescue Service	1,200	1,200	
Total Public Safety	8,200	5,576	2,624
Other Functions			
Insurance	3,332	3,332	_
Payroll Tax Expense	2,200	1,796	404
Audit	150	-	150
Other	500	50	<u>450</u>
Total Other Functions	6,182	5,178	1,004
Total Expenditures	44,377	_36,867	<u>7,510</u>
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(13,777)	(4,301)	9,476
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfer Out		(4,406)	(4,406)
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$(13,777</u>)	(8,707)	<u>\$ 5,070</u>
Fund Balance - April 1		_23,769	
Fund Balance - March 31		<u>\$ 15,062</u>	

Combining Balance Sheet Special Revenue Funds March 31, 2004

	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Brine</u>	Bridges	Total
Assets				
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,732	\$ 37,732
Due from Other Governments	1,433	1,969	-	3,402
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,433</u>	<u>\$ 1,969</u>	<u>\$ 37,732</u>	<u>\$ 41,134</u>
Liabilities and Fund Equity				
Due to Other Governments	\$ 1,433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,433
Fund Balance		1,969	_37,732	<u>39,701</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 1,433</u>	<u>\$ 1,969</u>	<u>\$ 37,732</u>	<u>\$ 41,134</u>

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Special Revenue Funds March 31, 2004

	<u>Fire</u>	Brine	<u>Bridges</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues				
Current Tax	\$ 12,071	\$ 16,589	\$ -	\$ 28,660
Federal Revenue	-	-	1,004	1,004
Reimbursement	-	1,268	-	1,268
Interest		<u> </u>	<u>827</u>	<u>827</u>
Total Revenues	12,071	17,857	1,831	31,759
Expenditures				
Public Safety	12,071	-	-	12,071
Public Works		<u>22,770</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>37,770</u>
Total Expenditures	12,071	22,770	_15,000	49,841
Excess Revenues Over (Under)				
Expenditures	-	(4,913)	(13,169)	(18,082)
Other Sources (Uses)				
Transfer In		<u>4,406</u>		4,406
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and				
Other Uses	-	(507)	(13,169)	(13,676)
Fund Balance, April 1		2,476	50,901	53,377
Fund Balance, March 31	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1,969</u>	\$ 37,732	<u>\$ 39,701</u>

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Fire Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues Current Tax	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,071	\$ (429)
Expenditures Public Safety Fire Protection - Contracted Services	12,102	<u> 12,071</u>	31
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 398</u>	-	<u>\$ (398)</u>
Fund Balance - April 1		-	
Fund Balance - March 31		<u>\$</u>	

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Brine Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues Current Tax	\$ 7.900	4 16 500	.
Reimbursement - Road Brining	\$ 7,900 ————	\$ 16,589 1,268	\$ 8,689
Total Revenues	7,900	17,857	9,957
Expenditures Public Works	22,770	22,770	
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(14,870)	(4,913)	9,957
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfer In		4,406	4,406
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (14,870)</u>	(507)	<u>\$ 14,363</u>
Fund Balance - April 1		<u>2,476</u>	
Fund Balance - March 31		<u>\$ 1,969</u>	

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Bridges Fund For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
Current Tax	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ (7,000)
Federal Revenue	-	1,004	1,004
Interest	-	<u>827</u>	<u>827</u>
Total Revenues	7,000	1,831	(5,169)
Expenditures			
Public Works	_20,000	15,000	5,000
Excess Revenues Over (Under)			
Expenditures	<u>\$ (13,000</u>)	(13,169)	<u>\$ (169</u>)
Fund Balance - April 1		_50,901	
Fund Balance - March 31		\$ 37,732	

Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities All Agency Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Balance <u>4/01/03</u>	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance <u>3/31/04</u>
Assets				
Cash	\$ -	\$ 270,489	\$ 267,552	\$ 2,937
Taxes Receivable		303,301	303,301	
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 573,790</u>	<u>\$ 570,853</u>	<u>\$ 2,937</u>
Liabilities				
Due to County, NCRESA and Others	\$ -	\$ 137,477	\$ 136,858	\$ 619
Due to Big Jackson School	-	98,351	98,351	-
Due to Other Funds		<u>34,661</u>	32,343	2,318
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 270,489</u>	<u>\$ 267,552</u>	<u>\$ 2,937</u>





Hendon & Slate, P.C.

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July 20, 2004

Township Board Township of Home Newaygo County Bitely, Michigan



Dear Board Members:

In connection with our recent examination of the financial statements of Home Township for the year ended March 31, 2004, we offer the following comments and recommendations:

Books and Records

The Township's books and records were again maintained in excellent condition. However, we did discuss some issues involved in the implementation of the new computerized accounting system. If additional assistance is necessary with the system, please feel free to contract our office.

Budgeting and Budget Reports

The budgeting method used by the Township is within requirements of the State, however, we did note that the Transfer between the General Fund and the Brine Fund was not properly budgeted. The amount of the Brine Expense expected to be incurred over the amount of Brine Tax Revenue expected to be collected is the amount which the General Fund generally transfers to the Brine Fund to cover the excess expenditures. This should be budgeted for as an expenditure of the General Fund. On the other side, in the Brine Fund, the Transfer In should also be budgeted in the same way as Tax Revenue is budgeted.

We also noted that the budget is only reviewed by the Board one time per year. The budget is intended to be used throughout the year. This working document is to assist the Board to identify when expenditures are exceeding expectations and, therefore, requiring an amendment to the budget. An example of this is if the Board expects that the costs of the Township Hall will be \$1,000 for the year, but we have a bad wind storm and the roof blows off. The Township expects the cost to replace the roof will be \$10,000 and that those costs will be covered by insurance. The Township should amend the budget to reflect additional income from the insurance proceeds and additional expenditures for the roof replacement.

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GASB 34 - Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments

As most of you are aware, this is the last financial statement which will appear in this format (assuming that the Township has elected to fully implement GASB 34). The next audit year will involve the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34 requirements. This statement makes many changes to the presentation of the financial statements, as indicated to the Board last year. The changes, however, will not effect the Township's regular accounting and record keeping, with the exception of some additional information needed regarding the Township's fixed assets. In addition, a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) as well as original and final amended budgets will need to be provided to us prior to submitting the audited financial statements.

We appreciate the courtesy extended to us during the course of the audit. We will be happy to assist in the implementation of any of the recommendations mentioned in this letter or answer any questions regarding the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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